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Tongue

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AMENDMENT BEFORE FIRST ACTION

Sir:

Please cancel the claims of this application as set forth in this
application as originally filed, without prejudice, and add the following
claims in lieu thereof:

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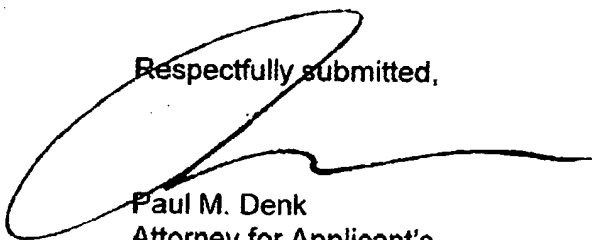
REMARKS

Initially, it is noted that the Patent Office questioned the continuation-in-part of this current application over the prior application having Ser. No. 10/437,140. That application was filed on May 13, 2003. Since the subject matter of the two applications are very related, and in fact, having the same drawings, with the same description, it is not understood why a claim to dependency upon that earlier application cannot also be made. It would be appreciated if the examiner can review this matter.

The claims of this application have been substantially revised, and essentially, are intended to cover non-elected claims of the parent application, Ser. No. 10/222,313, from which this application depends.

The examiner's review of this application would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,



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